

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

73620

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

06/07/2018

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/07/2020

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretarial Decision Memorandum

## 13. Effective Date

04/29/2010

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 4 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
On November 16, the REEEAC will hold the third in-person meeting of its new charter term and hold REEEAC sub-committee working sessions, discuss next steps for each sub-committee (Export Competitiveness, Market Access, and Finance), consider recommendations for approval, and hear from officials from the Department of Commerce and other agencies on major issues affecting the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.	11/16/2017	11/16/2017
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On May 10, the REEEAC will hold the seventh, and final, in-person meeting of its current charter term and hold REEEAC sub-committee working sessions, discuss next steps for each sub-committee (Export Competitiveness, Market Access, and Finance), consider recommendations for approval, and hear from officials from the Department of Commerce and other agencies on major issues affecting the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. 05/10/2018 - 05/10/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$39,315.00	\$39,315.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$39,315.00	\$41,915.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.40	0.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Members represent U.S. companies, U.S. trade associations, and U.S. private sector organizations with activities focused on the competitiveness of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services. Members reflect the diversity of this sector, including in terms of entity or organization size, geographic location, and sub-sector represented.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Approximately four times per year in person. Meetings are highly relevant, as they help develop actionable recommendations and to provide Committee members with key information to use going forward.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The committee is necessary to ensure coordination and focused support for the competitiveness of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, particularly with respect to exports. There is no additional entity that can provide this information.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

In FY2012, one meeting was partially closed for discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. The meeting was closed to review internal and sensitive information related to ITA's forthcoming Renewable Energy Top Markets Report. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 all meetings have been open to the public.

## 21. Remarks

Through its four previous charters, the REEEAC has changed the number and focus of its subcommittees. In addition, members can participate in all subcommittees and therefore individual names are not listed in the FACA database. Please contact DFO for more specific information, if required. The fifth charter of the REEEAC has not yet appointed new members or organized into subcommittees as of the close of FY2018.

## Designated Federal Officer

Victoria Gunderson International Trade Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bauchmire, Bruce	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	DLZ Corporation	Representative Member
Burke, Mita	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Sunshine Industries USA	Representative Member
Card, Matt	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Suniva	Representative Member
Davis, Kelly	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Renewable Fuels Association	Representative Member
Davis, Mike	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association	Representative Member
Derstine, Jennifer	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Capstone Turbine Corporation	Representative Member
Gatchev, Svetoslav	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Delphos International, Ltd.	Representative Member
Ginther, Seth	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	U.S. Industrial Pellet Association	Representative Member
Green, Phillip	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Green Powered Technology	Representative Member
Haubenstock, Arthur	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	8minutenergy Renewables	Representative Member
Kathpal, Praveen	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	AES Energy Storage, LLC	Representative Member
Kavia, Kusum	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Combustion Associates Inc.	Representative Member
Kramer, Kenneth	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Rushton Atlantic	Representative Member
Mendelson, Joseph	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	SolarCity	Representative Member
Merritt, Greg	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Cree, Inc.	Representative Member
Rackliffe, Gary	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	ABB North America	Representative Member
Ritter, Lloyd	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Distributed Wind Energy Association	Representative Member
Sanchez, Jorge	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Sana, Inc.	Representative Member
Shaw, Frank	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom, LLP	Representative Member
Sklar, Scott	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	The Stella Group	Representative Member
Smith, Kevin	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	SolarReserve	Representative Member
Soos, Paula	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Covanta Energy	Representative Member
Stewart, Jonathan	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	National Electrical Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Strong, Zolaikha	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Copper Development Association	Representative Member
Taylor, Trey	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Verdant Power	Representative Member
Thyfault, Cindy	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Westar Trade Resources	Representative Member
Van Wie McGrory, Laura	09/07/2016	06/09/2018	Alliance to Save Energy	Representative Member
Yang, Frank	10/27/2014	06/09/2018	Stion Corporation	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 28**

### **Narrative Description**

The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Outcome Comments**

The REEEAC delivered recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce on ways to improve the export competitiveness of the renewable energy and energy efficiency industry. The Committee has authored multiple letters to the Secretary of Commerce providing in-depth advisement on competitiveness issues, including the effectiveness of trade promotion programs, trade relations with China, the effect of the Export Import Bank on industry, trade barriers in India, and the importance of standards development to trade.

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

52

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

REEEAC I 2010-2012 - 22 recommendations; REEEAC II 2012-2014 - 16 recommendations; REEEAC III 2014-2016 - 6 recommendations; REEEAC IV 2017-2018 - 12 recommendation

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

35%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Staff continue to work to implement REEEAC recommendations. As of the close of FY2018, 20 recommendations had been implemented fully. This included increasing publication of data and case studies related to trade data and advocating for key issues in trade negotiations with Mexico and Canada to address sectoral trade barriers.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

31%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Each of the REEEAC's recommendations has been pursued by the Commerce Department. 18 recommendations have been partially implemented.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Feedback on the status of implementation is provided consistently to Committee members and on request from senior Department of Commerce leadership through the use of a stoplight matrix. In 2017, Secretary of Commerce Ross sent two response letters to the REEEAC. Senior officials provided additional responses to the Committee during in-person meetings. Secretary Ross provided comments regarding the recommendations made during the fourth charter during the May 10, 2018 in-person meeting.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

To fully implement some of the REEEAC recommendations, additional resources would be required. Additionally, several recommendations target changes at agencies outside of Commerce.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

See [http://2016.export.gov/reee/eg\\_main\\_023040.asp](http://2016.export.gov/reee/eg_main_023040.asp) for committee charter, members, past meeting information, and recommendations.